

Kanine Korner

By Francis X. Lohmann

Teaching a dog tricks is not really necessary but its fun to have your dog "show off" and dogs themselves enjoy being the center of attraction. The tricks you can teach are limited only by the extent of patience and the time you can devote to training.

However, as in all training, do it when your dog is relaxed, not overly excited with his mind more on a romp than paying attention.

If you first teach your pup to "sit" and, after he learns that, to "lie down" on command, you have the foundation for a number of tricks, from "begging" to "roll over." Additionally, I might add, many tricks can be developed from something a dog does naturally. Just use

some command that connects with the action, like "fetch," for example, when you pup picks up a shoe. Repeating the word, take the shoe from him gently, praise him, and very soon he will be retrieving on command.

"SHAKE HANDS" is about the easiest trick to teach. A puppy will often raise one foot quite naturally when he sits in front of you. Take it, shake it gently for a moment or so, saying the words. Or, sit him, give the command and at the same time tap underneath the heel of one paw so he'll lift it. Always be sure to praise.

"Beg" or "sit up" is another easy trick for most dogs. Some dogs do not have the balance to do this and

young puppies should not do it until their backs are strong enough. Start by sitting your dog in a corner of a room so he has support for his back. Hold him in position with one hand and, with the other, hold a tid bit just above his head. Always reward him, even though you may have furnished most of the support, until he gets the idea.

Is your dog an agile jumper? Teach him to jump through a hoop (hold it close to the ground at first and he'll have a trick that is good exercise, as well. Remember that a few minutes two or three times a day is far better than a long session of training once a week.

BARKS AND YAPS—All doggie roads lead to the city of Santa Monica this upcoming Saturday, July 20, when this reporter presents a spectacular Dog's Day on Santa Monica Mall, sponsored by the Santa Monica Chamber of Commerce. Dogs, dogs, and more dogs will be the order of the day starting at

10 a.m. and will include every facet of the wonderful bow wow universe. Many distinct breeds of dog, some rare one such as the Ibizan Hound, Shih Tzu, Staffordshire Bull Terrier, Birchon Frese and the Chinese Crested Dog, will be on display. Obedience trained dogs will go through their unbelievable routines. An Italian Greyhound fashion parade will be presented. Other canine events will spotlight sled dogs and their varied, dynamic feats, the famed Rescue Team, famous movie dogs and their trainers, guide dogs for the blind and, of course, I'll be there to meet and greet many of my treasured readers and radio listeners.

So plan to spend all day Saturday among man's best friends on the fabulous Santa Monica Mall in the city of Santa Monica. The Santa Monica Mall literally goes to the dogs and that's for dog-gone sure!

CAROL BURNET is an avid Poodle fancier, Gypsy

Rose Lee goes for the Chinese Crested Dog and band-leader Woody Herman favors Kanine Korner—Galley 2 2 2 leader Woody Herman favors the Cocker Spaniel. . . Multi-millionaire Lavern Redfield after suffering a two and a half million theft had this to say—"I still have my dog and that pleases me most. I'd rather lose three million dollars than have harm come to my beloved dog. . ."

BREED OF THE WEEK—Pointer . . . The fact that the Pointer is of European origin has been definitely established, but the exact country of extraction is questionable. Italy, Belgium, Spain and France have all been named as the likely birthplace. British breeders developed the Pointer, making him a bird dog of renown. There are numerous paintings and engravings as well as literary references proving that the Pointer, first of all dogs to point game (thus his name), was established as a distinct breed, at the very least, 300 years ago.

The Pointer is minutely adapted to this age of specialization, for he is a true

purebred and several are mixed breeds but all with lots of love to lavish on some lucky readers. All these dogs are free but with one stipulation, a loving home to receive them. Drop me a line at Kanine Korner, P.O. Box 38006, Hollywood 38, Calif.

gun dog for the tip of his keen-scenting nose to the point of his tail.

A GOOD Pointer has the clean limbed, muscular proportioned, well-balanced conformation that calls to mind the symmetry and stamina of fine thoroughbred horses. The Pointer is noted for his fearless courage and independence.

One of America's most popular sporting breeds, about 10,000 Pointers annually are registered in the Field Dog Stud Book and another 400 to 500 in the stud books of the American Kennel Club.

I doubt seriously if more than six or seven breeds outranked the Pointer numerically in this country today, and it would take a super dog, indeed, to oust the Pointer from his coveted spot in the hearts of American dog lovers. The Pointer tips the scales at about 60 pounds and in height 25 inches. My treasured friend Janella Evans is an avid Pointer fancier.

Burglary Dampens Campout

Roommates enjoying a camping vacation were called home unexpectedly Sunday when neighbors noticed that their home had been broken into.

Police said approximately \$2,500 worth of home appliances were taken from the residence of Barbara Farrar, 31, and Lucille Temmel, 25, at 2351 Del Amo Blvd.

Burglars smashed a front window and removed two television sets, a stereo set, radios, and jewelry sometime Saturday or Sunday, police said.

Fire Control Technician Seaman Timothy K. Nevel, USN, 21, son of Mr. and Mrs. Paul S. Nevel of 2408 W. 227th St., is serving aboard the guided missile cruiser USS Boston off the coast of Vietnam.



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